

**281—41.1011(17A,256B) Communications.**

**41.1011(1)** *Restrictions on communications—administrative law judge.* The administrative law judge shall not communicate directly or indirectly in connection with any issue of fact or law in that contested case with any person or party except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate.

**41.1011(2)** *Restrictions on communications—parties.* Parties or their representatives shall not communicate directly or indirectly in connection with any issue of fact or law with the administrative law judge except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate as are provided for by administrative rules. The recipient of any prohibited communication shall submit the communication, if written, or a summary of the communication, if oral, for inclusion in the record of the proceeding.

**41.1011(3)** *Sanctions.* Any or all of the following sanctions may be imposed upon a party who violates the rules regarding ex parte communications: censure, suspension or revocation of the privilege to practice before the department, or the rendering of a decision against a party who violates the rules.